

I OBJECT TO Modification 4 of the Emirates One&Only Resort, Wolgan Valley (MP06_0310-Mod-4) because of the proximity of the proposed flight path and potential noise impact to my home on property Lots 10B, 171 and 185 DP751666 Wolgan Valley and to the impact the proposed number of flights would have on the Valley and surrounding conservation area and national parks.

In the Modification proposal it states -

"6.1.2 Helicopter-related Activities under Protection of the Environment Operations Act

Schedule 1 Premises-based activities under the Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1999 lists Clause 20 helicopter-related activities to be a scheduled activity as follows:

(1) This clause applies to a helicopter-related activity, meaning the landing, taking-off or parking of helicopters (including the use of terminals and the use of buildings for the parking, servicing or maintenance of helicopters), being an activity—

(a) That has an intended use of more than 30 flight movements per week (where take-off and landing are separate flight movements), and

(b) That is conducted within 1 kilometre of a dwelling not associated with the landing, taking-off or parking of helicopters, but not including an activity that is carried out exclusively for the purposes of emergency aeromedical evacuation, retrieval or rescue.

The modification application proposes trips in excess of 30 trips yet the closest the flight path to a dwelling not associated with the resort is 2250m. Accordingly, the proposed modification is not a scheduled activity. In summary, an Environment Protection Licence from the EPA is not required. This conclusion is consistent with the EPA's advice to DPE on Mod 2 approved in 2018."

I believe our home is less than 2250m from the proposed flight path.

The current approved flight path and helipad location was established in Mod-2 (MP06_0310 and determined on 11/05/2018) to reduce potential noise impacts to neighbours and accommodate an increase in helicopter trips.

The flight path proposed in Modification 4 would subject properties on the southern end of the valley (those not behind Donkey Mountain) to potential significant noise impact.

In my view there are a number of serious deficiencies in the Modification Assessment, including:

1. No allowance for intrusive noise levels greater than background levels.
2. The most recent noise assessment is based on modelling with unclear assumptions, calibrations or validation.

3. No receiver or direct measurement of noise was placed/undertaken along the new proposed flight path that has been proposed (including inside Gardens of Stone NP/SCA and the GOS SCA's new walking trails).
4. No allowance/assessment for wind strength and direction to increase the potential extent of wind-carried noise.

The flight path should remain on the current approved location.

Using the maximum number of flights (i.e. 30 helicopter movements per day between 7.00am to 6.00pm), approval of the proposed Modification would mean a flight over Gardens of Stone NP/SCA and Wolgan Valley **every 22 minutes**.

Even when the proposed flights are reduced to 10 trips a day (i.e. 20 helicopter movements per day), approval of the proposed Modification would mean a flight over Gardens of Stone NP/SCA and Wolgan Valley **every 33 minutes**.

This is a major change to the current operation of the Resort and one which will ruin the peace and tranquillity of the Wolgan Valley and surrounding conservation areas (Gardens of Stone NP/SCA), potentially destroying the very thing that draws residents and visitors to the area.